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SUBJECT: ROK SUGGESTION TO GOC TO ENTER INTO 90 DAY RECIPROCAL
NONIMMIGRANT VISA WAIVER ARRANGEMENT

1. EXTAFF KOREAN DESK OFFICER OLDHAM TOLD EMBOFF (GAIDUK)
THAT ROK HAD APPROCAHED EXTAFF TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF
90-DAY NIV WAIVER ARRANGEMENT. IN SPECULATING ABOUT KOREAN
NOTIVATION, EXTAFF ASKED WHETHER EASIER ACCESS TO CANADA
THUS ACHIEVED WOULD ALSO SIMPLIFY US ENTRY FOR SUCH KOREAN
VISITOR. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT US VISA STATUTE AND REGULATION
APPLIED UNIFORMLY AND, IN KOREAN CASE, WOULD HAVE
NO EFFECT ON ELIGIBILITY FOR REQUIRED NIV TO VISIT US.
EMBOFF INFORMED EXTAFF THAT ONLY MAJOR COUNTRY WITH WHICH
US HAS RECIPROCAL NIV WAIVER ARRANGEMENT IS CANADA.

2. OLHAM INDICATED THAT IDEA ONLY IN DISCUSSION STAGE
WITH ATTITUDE OF DEPARTMENT MANPOWER AND IMMIGRATION (MANDI)
AS YET UNKNOWN. HE SAID DEMARCHE ORIGINALLY MADE BY KOREANS
TWO YEARS AGO BUT NOT PURSUED UNTIL BROUGHT UP AGAIN VERY
RECENTLY BY KOREAN EMBASSY IN OTTAWA. EXTAFF EXPECTS
TO DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER WITH KOREAN AMBASSADOR HERE.

3. COMMENT: IF SUCH GOC-ROK ARRANGEMENT SHOULD MATERIALIZE,
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POSTS IN CANADA CAN EXPECT UPTURN IN ROK VISA BUSINESS,

PARTICULARLY IN CASES OF ACTUAL OR ANTICIPATED VISA REFUSALS
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